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The County of Los Angeles honors the life and work of Cesar E. Chavez with its 11th annual Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week, continuing a tradition of volunteer service, Monday, March 26 to Sunday, April 1, 2012. Chavez was a true American hero who dedicated his life to serving others. The anniversary of his birth is March 31.

This year's theme is "**Standing Strong.**" The observance consists of the annual weekday volunteer opportunities for County employees and a two-week fund drive, conducted in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. County departments will utilize the new theme "**Standing Strong**" in their existing education and cultural programs and activities.

The two-week fund drive will begin Monday, March 19 and end Friday, April 1, 2012, as part of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week. The fund drive will increase employee participation by directing County employees to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank website to allow employees donate online.

County volunteer opportunities include spending a day in the community by

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volunteering service at one of five access centers serving the homeless; providing transportation service for homeless veterans to medical appointments; helping counselors from non-profit agencies with referrals for the homeless; helping with a renovation project at a site such as the Weingart Center's residential site or Bell Shelter; volunteering at local food banks to help with food distribution or soup lines at sites such as the L.A. Mission and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank sites; helping with beautification and clean-up projects at local parks and county beaches; supporting a fund drive in partnership with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, including online donations and the opportunity to drop off goods at local food banks by County employees; volunteering with beautification projects such as planting, landscaping, painting, small repairs at County parks as well as beach and river cleanups.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD:

1. Proclaim Monday, March 26 through Sunday, April 1, 2012 Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week throughout the County with the theme “**Standing Strong;**” and
2. Request the Chief Executive Office—Office of Workplace Programs to work with the Executive Office of the Board, the Los Angeles County Office of Education and County Departments to coordinate and support Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week activities, including the fund drive; and
3. Request the Chief Executive Office to establish a list of volunteer opportunities with County Departments, the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank, and non-profit agencies such as the Weingart Center for County employees and post the these opportunities on the County Intranet and distribute the list to all County departments; and

4. Waive parking fees, excluding liability insurance, in the amount of \$340.00 for up to 20 vehicles to park at the Music Center for the Cesar Chavez Week Coordinators' wrap-up meeting on April 10, 2012 9:00 a.m., at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Room 739; and
5. Encourage all County Department Heads and Districts to promote awareness of Cesar E. Chavez Community Service Week and the volunteer opportunities through increased marketing to County employees in e-mail blasts, department newsletters, bulletin boards and other forms of employee communication.

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